GIRL-CHILD EDUCATION+PLUS PROGRAMME
Nurturing Hope for HIV&AIDS, Culture and Poverty Displaced Girl-Child and Other Orphans and Vulnerable Children

PROGRAMME PROFILE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
This is an initial three-year program phase with Education of orphans and vulnerable children as Core Component; Psychosocial Health Therapy and Child-care and Support Components. The program integrates socio-economic empowerment of the elderly OVC Caregivers for programme sustainability.

DWELE has initiated the Inception Phase with KES 280,500 ($3,368 equivalent) funds that DWELE raised through participation GlobalGiving April and September 2012 Challenge and individual Kenyan donors and other who directly pay the girls’ fees (in parts) when called upon to assist. No direct donor yet

Program Goal: Contribute to Transformational Education and Psychosocial Health Outcome among orphans and vulnerable children, so as to break the generational poverty cycle among the disadvantaged women and men and their Communities in Kenya.

Target Participants: The program targets 450 orphans and vulnerable children, with focus on girl-child. They are children who are displaced from education and family safety-nets by effects of culture and gender disparity; poverty and impacts of HIV&AIDS.

CURRENT PROGRAM STATUS:
 Currently the program works in Kisumu, Kakamega and Siaya Counties, in Western Kenya, with 56 (13 boys) vulnerable children of ages ranging from three years old in ECD/Nursery Schools to 20 years old and above in Universities and tertiary colleges. Most of them are in Primary schools.
 Established three (3) Psychosocial Health Therapy support groups/Little Angels Clubs for facilitating group therapy other capacity building activities for all the 56 children within the respective counties.
 The Education Component currently supports 21 (18 girls, 3 boys) vulnerable children selected with the participation of their respective communities and other stakeholders.
 Provided Sanitary Pads and (limited) other hygiene and sanitation materials to 16 teenage girls, for 3 months each, at the beginning of school term and drop-in needy girls in target communities.
 Has provided uniforms to 6 girls of ECD and primary levels.
 Program maintains Community Outreaches activities for social marketing, gender sensitization and continuous participatory identification of target children and Caregivers for programme sustainability and expanded impacts.

ACTIONS TO PROPEL EDUCATION+PLUS PROGRAM FORWAD
1. DWELE Continuous the implementation of the Education+Plus Program Little-by-Little as we mobilize local resources – financial and/or in-kind (books, hygiene and sanitation materials and uniforms).
2. Resource Mobilization:
   • Kenyans for Girl-child Education fund raising on M-Pesa Pay Bill Business No. 994600, Account No, 42240 that is convenient channel for majority of our Local Kenyan Donors who have been great friends in raising resources for Education+Plus programme as we continue to seek long-term donors.
   • Ongoing Local resource mobilization from individual and corporate and professional volunteerism.
3. Seeking Organizational Capacity Development partnerships with individual donors, organizations and Foundations with similar objectives like DWELE.
4. Seeking your support in GlobalGiving Challenge in December 2013 to secure permanent online fundraising partnership.

YOUR VITAL SUPPORT:
The Girl-child Education Programme needs your donation on: M-Pesa Pay Bill Business No. 994600, Account No, 42240 to raise resources for the project participants/Vulnerable Children (and in-kind materials) - Small Donations Big Change! Be our partner for Change. Every Donation Counts: Even Ksh 50 will buy Exercise book and pencil; 100–Pads for one girl; 200-2 Inner wares; 500-2nd hand shoes; 1000-full Uniform; 1500 and above – Education costs; Psycho Therapy and Sustainability!

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